

LOTT ERASTUS RUSSON

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Lott Erastus Russon was born September 8, 1886, in Lehi, Utah, the first child of Lott, Jr. and Sarah Eunice Titcombe Russon. He learned to work and to know the value in things early in life. He helped in Sunday School at the age of fourteen. He left school to take care of the farm and work at the sugar factory while his father filled a mission in England, and completed a machine-shop course with the International Correspondence School in spare time. He operated the first sugar centrifugal discharger at the Lehi factory and was sent to demonstrate it before numerous sugar men in Southern California.

He later received a call to attend a missionary course at the Brigham Young University, and having completed it, accepted a missionary call to the Eastern States under Ben E. Rich. Upon his return he met Miss Fern Brown whom he later married.

On January 19, 1921, he was set apart to officiate as an ordained worker at the Salt Lake Temple, which office he held for ten years. He was president of the Tenth Quorum of Elders in the Old Alpine Stake, chairman of the ward Genealogical Committee, for fourteen years, was in the Sunday School superintendency. After filling two short term missions to the Eastern States under Don B. Colton, he served eight years as first counselor in the Fourth Ward bishopric. He taught the missionary class in Sunday School several periods, and almost constantly served as ward teacher. The first welfare project of the Fourth Ward was carried out under his supervision in 1937.